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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Jefferson Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Today, we are sending the attached Environmental and Historic Report to the relevant consulting agencies¹ regarding The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's ("KCSR") intention to file, on or about May 16, 2006, a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 0.71 miles of railroad track located in Metairie (Jefferson Parish), Louisiana, running from milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.)(the "Line"). The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 70001. Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

If any of the information in the Environmental and Historic Report was misleading or incorrect, if pertinent information was missing, or if any of the consulting agencies had questions about the STB's environmental review process, we have asked the consulting agencies to respond in writing within three weeks to your office and to KCSR's legal counsel in this matter, David C. Reeves, at Baker & Miller PLLC.

¹ Copies of the letters that KCSR sent to the relevant consulting agencies and a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report that was sent to each consulting agency are attached hereto.

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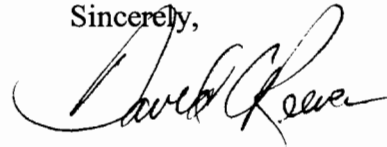
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If you have any questions concerning this proposed abandonment, please contact me at (202) 663-7824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Reeves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

David C. Reeves

Enclosures